



**Indiana
Department
of
Health**

Drug Overdose Prevention Newscast

Dec. 20, 2022

Updates

HHS Awards Grants to Address Mental Health & Substance Use Crisis

On Dec. 16, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded \$47 million to states and territories to support 988 Crisis Lifeline Services. This funding will enhance the 988 system by maintaining language-based services, ensuring effective system routing, and improving access to specialized care for populations at higher risk for suicide. The additional funding to support the 988 Crisis Lifeline is important to address the ongoing mental health challenges that individuals face in wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. National data indicates that the rates of suicides and drug overdoses increased in 2021, suggesting lingering impacts from the global pandemic.

In early 2023, HHS plans to award \$21.1 million to improve 988 services in tribal communities. These communities tend to face unique challenges to accessing technology and crisis services, so funding is critical to ensure individuals have access to 988 services. Since the 988 Crisis Lifeline was launched in July 2022, legislators and public health professionals have been collaborating at the local, state, and national levels to ensure a smooth rollout. "The funding provided by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act helps ensure that there is no wrong door to access behavioral health care", said HHS Deputy Andrea Palm.

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Volunteers Needed for Study

Researchers and practitioners at Indiana University and Overdose Lifeline, Inc. are looking for volunteers who can complete a one-hour interview or two-hour focus group interview on inequitable opioid overdose education and response in predominantly Black Indianapolis communities. People who are 18 years of age or older and a Black resident in Indianapolis ZIP code areas 46202, 46205 or 46218 may qualify to participate. Participants will receive a \$50 gift card for each hour of the interviews. Anyone interested should email Dr. Dong Chul-Seo at seo@iu.edu or Charlotte Crabtree at charlotte@overdoselifeline.org.

Beyond Substance: Episode 4

The Marion County Public Health Department's Beyond Substance podcast has launched Episode 4, titled "Bringing Light to Law and Recovery." Hosts interview Judge David Certo and Gina Fears, director of recovery community organizations at PACE. In this episode, listeners will hear about re-entry and harm reduction.

Listen to this podcast and previous episode: [CLICK THIS LINK](#)

New NaloxBox in Morgan County

There is a new NaloxBox in Morgan County. It is located at First Christian Church (89 S. Main St., Martinsville). The box is located on the northwest corner of the church facing Main Street.



Upcoming Events

Grieving in the Season Holiday Support Group

5:30 pm. - 7 p.m. EST, Dec. 20

Hosted by: Indianapolis Public Library– East 38th St. Branch

5420 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205

The holidays may be a difficult time of year for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. This support group for ages 15+ is designed to support those who are coping with a loss this holiday season. The session will include general education about grief, positive peer support from those in similar situations, tips to get through the holidays from a licensed mental health professional, and resources for substance use needs. This is a free event, but reservations are recommended. Reserve your spot: [CLICK THIS LINK](#)

The Impacts of Trauma on the Brain

Noon - 2 p.m. CT, Dec. 21

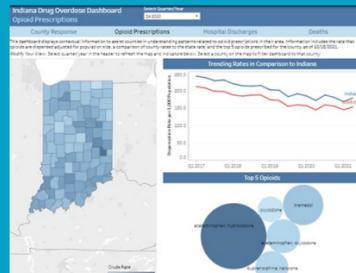
Hosted by: National American Indian and Alaskan Native ATTC

In this interactive webinar, participants will learn about the holistic impact of trauma on the brain and its effects on behavioral health, physical health, and mental wellness.

To register: [CLICK THIS LINK](#)

Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard

Please visit the [Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard](#), where you will find data from 2017 up to provisional data for 2021. In this dashboard, you will find data regarding opioid prescriptions, hospital discharges, and drug-related deaths. You can use this dashboard to explore overdose data at the county and state levels.



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